

## Feed

- Any person manufacturing an animal feed or pet food, including pet treats, must be licensed by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. Required labeling must accompany the product, including the manufacturer's name and address, net weight, and guaranteed analysis.
- For more information, please contact Dan Danielson, Feed, Seed, And Fertilizer Administrator at 615-837-5135.

## Weights and Measures

- Most commodities may only be sold by weight, measure or count, using a commercial scale that complies with state law, including meeting scale standards and being approved by the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP).
- Scales will be inspected on an annual basis. Approval seals are placed on those in compliance. Non-compliant scales are to be repaired by scale agencies licensed by the department.
- Commodities labeled by weight must be sold by net weight and contain at least the amount stated on the label.
- Additional information may be obtained by contacting Bob Williams, Weights & Measures Administrator at 615-837-5109.

Information on all permits and licenses required by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture can be found at

<http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/regulate/permits/index.html>,

or by calling 1-800-628-2631.



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*Information for Management and  
Vendors at Flea Markets, Farmers  
Markets, Trade Days, Sales and  
Auctions*

## Animal Health

- Any person who sells, or buys for the purpose of resale, dogs or cats at a flea market is required to be licensed as a dog and cat dealer by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. "Flea market" means any assemblage of twenty (20) or more persons gathered together at regular or irregular intervals, whether in open air or under cover, for the purpose of buying, selling, or trading merchandise to and from the general public, when this buying, selling, or trading is outside of the regular business or occupation of the majority of persons so gathered, and when the majority of the persons so gathered do not pay a business privilege tax for their activities at the flea market.
- Any person who buys, receives, or assembles livestock for resale, either for that person's own account or that of another person, is required to be licensed as a livestock dealer by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.
- Any equine that change ownership must be accompanied by proof that the equine(s) tested negative on an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia that was conducted within the previous six months.
- Any sheep and any goat that has been commingled with sheep must have an official USDA scrapie identification (official USDA ear tags, registration tattoos if accompanied by registration papers) identifying the sheep or goat to the flock of origin.
- All out-of-state domestic animals (sheep, goats, swine, dogs, cats, and avian species) must be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection (commonly called a veterinary health certificate).
- All out-of-state poultry must be accompanied by National Poultry Improvement Plan documentation or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection indicating their negative flock status or negative individual test results for pullorum-typhoid.
- Please call our office at 615-837-5120 for additional information.

## Plant Certification

- All persons offering plants and plant material for sale must possess a Plant Dealer, Greenhouse or Nursery Certificate from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.
- For further information, please call 615-837-5137.

## Food and Dairy

- With the exception of whole unprocessed fruits and vegetables and honey sales by beekeepers that produce less than 150 gallons per year, all food sold in Tennessee must come from an approved source that is under inspection and permitted by a regulatory authority.
- All eggs, meat and meat products as well as all dairy products including ice cream and cheeses must also come from an approved source that is under inspection and permitted by a regulatory authority. In addition, such foods must be stored at or below 41 degrees F. at point of sale.
- Prepackaged foods are required to be properly labeled indicating the manufacturers name and address, product name, specific ingredients and net weight.
- Foods prepared on-site, such as concessions, are under the regulatory authority of the Tennessee Department of Health, which maintains an office in each Tennessee county.
- Please call our office at 615-837-5193 for additional information.

